



The park is on Mitchell Road,  
Exit 9 Mallory Avenue, right onto  
Riverport Rd., then left  
on Plant Rd.

T.O. Fuller



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### Hours of Operation:

T.O. Fuller is a 'day use' park and closes at sunset.

### For Further Information and Camping Reservations, Contact:

T.O. Fuller State Park / 1500 Mitchell Road West / Memphis, TN 38109

Phone (901) 543-7381

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# TENNESSEE STATE PARKS T.O. FULLER STATE PARK





## T.O. Fuller State Park

was the first state park east of the Mississippi River open to African Americans and only the second in the nation. The park was later changed from Shelby Bluffs to T.O. Fuller State Park in 1942 in honor of Dr. Thomas O. Fuller who has spent his life empowering and educating African Americans. The park is located in Shelby County within the southern limits of the City of Memphis. The park encompasses a total of 1,138 acres with a diversity of wildlife. With its abundance of local flora and fauna from the Mississippi flood plains to its high and overshadowing bluff ridges makes this area an ideal place for the birdwatcher or outdoor extremist.

## Historical Significance

Civilian Conservation Corps camp number 1464-SP-10 which was comprised of African Americans initiated construction of the park facilities in 1938. During excavation for a proposed swimming pool in 1940, CCC workers unearthed evidence of a prehistoric village, opening the door to a lost and forgotten civilization. The site has since been developed as Chucalissa Indian Village and includes a village, preserved archeological excavations, and a modern museum.

## Camping

The campground contains 45 sites, each with a table, grill, and electrical and water hookups. A bathhouse is centrally located and contains restroom facilities, coin laundry, and showers. Reservations are accepted and stay limit is two weeks.

## Hiking

The Park has over 6 miles of hiking trails from moderate to rugged. The Discovery Trail is a 6-mile continuous loop with a number of scenic points of interest including the Chucalissa Indian Village and Wetlands.

## Picnic pavilions and playground

The park has four shelters that can accommodate from 40 to 120 people. All shelters have grills, nearby bathroom facilities, picnic tables and electric outlets. Reservations are required and should be made well in advance.

## Nature center

Open in summer months only with a variety of wildlife exhibits and nature games.

## Planned programs

The park has several all year round interpretive programs that can accommodate school groups, church groups, and families of all ages. Call the Ranger Nature Station at (901) 543-7581 for more information.

## Swimming

The pool is centrally located in the main recreation area of the park, and is served by a bathhouse and vending machines. It is open from early summer through Labor Day. Lifeguards are on duty during regular swimming hours. There is a cost to access the pool.

## Golf Course

The 18-hole golf course is a par-72, 5986-yd challenge. This USGA-sanctioned facility is open daily "year round." Both pull and riding carts, rental clubs, and a driving range are available. The clubhouse phone number is (901) 543-7771, or (901) 543-6163.

## Nearby Attractions

- Chucalissa Indian Village, adjacent to the park
- Graceland, Memphis, TN, 5 miles
- National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN, 8 miles

## Nearby State Parks

- Meeman Shelby Forest State Park, 30 miles

## Annual events:

- Memphis in May Festival, May
- FullerFest - 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in August
- FullerFest Golf Tournament, August

